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THE "AGE" AND THE LEGISLATURE.

THE "Age" is endeavoring to make partisan capital out of the public indignation which prevails against the Legislature. It gravely declares that "this universally denounced body earned its ill-fame by the acts of its overwhelming radical majority."

On the 12th inst., in commenting upon the action of the Democratic Senators, McCandless and Nagle, in supporting the Broad Street Track bill, the Age said their excuse put them "in a bad position," and that "they should have informed themselves before voting upon it."

The public interests would not be promoted in the slightest degree by the substitution of a self-ignorant or corrupt Democrat for ignorant or corrupt Republican members and Senators. What is needed is better and purer men from all the districts, without reference to their partisan complexion; and the Age is very far behind the age if it is not perfectly conscious of the fact that quite as much necessity for reform and improvement exists in the localities controlled by its own party as in any which are under the control of the Republicans.

No good, and possibly some harm, may be done by a systematic adherence to the policy the Age seems now anxious to initiate. Indiscriminate denunciation of Republican members, simply because they are Republicans, may lead to an indiscriminate support of bad men, despite their shortcomings and wrong-doings.

RELEASED ON STRAW BALL.

THE recent order of Mayor Fox relative to the release by aldermen of persons charged with a felony, on ball, is one which will be received with great satisfaction by all good citizens. It is well known that there is a connivance between certain lower law officers and the criminals brought before them. This is attested by the constant practice of releasing men accused even of homicide on straw ball.

M. THIERS made a bold assault upon the Napoleonic dynasty in the Corps Legislatif on Saturday. He denounced what is called the commercial liberty of France as being as much of a farce as the political liberty nominally accorded the people.

LEGISLATION IN NEW YORK.

THE New York Legislature appears to be no better than the "Forty Thieves" whose depredations in this State have just been terminated. The Tribune abruptly asks:—"How much is a Republican Legislature going to vote out of the public treasury for the support of the corrupt party that rules and plunders this city, and for its use at the next election?"

It is curious to glance at some of the rival estimates. If there are any institutions in New York city in which corruption is more prevalent than in its other institutions, they are the different corporations for supplying the people with gas. The City Controller estimates the amount which these corporations must receive for lighting the city for one year at \$1,038,305. The Senate Committee cannot see how a reduction of this enormous sum by a single dollar is possible; but the Citizens' Association regards \$700,000 as amply sufficient.

CRIMINAL LAWYERS A CURSE.

We esteem any community which contains a number of exceedingly able criminal lawyers to be singularly unfortunate. We do not mean to say that any lawyer who practices in the Quarter Sessions is per se a public nuisance or a public injury, but if there is known to exist a lawyer who is noted either for his legal acuteness or sympathetic eloquence, and by these qualities is able to get an accused man declared innocent, that fact is a serious injury to the safety of the community.

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OBITUARY.

The late John Lawlor, Esq., About half-past 8 o'clock last evening, Mr. John Lawlor, of the firm of Lawlor, Everett & Hincken, proprietors of the Sunday Dispatch, died at the Girard House.

promise to the printing business in the city of Montreal. When he had attained the age of seventeen years, he quitted the provinces and came to this country, working first in Boston and New Bedford, and finally in New York.

Mr. Lawlor was twice married.—The first time when he was only nineteen years of age. By his former wife, who died soon after her marriage, he had a daughter, still living. Some three years since he married again, and this lady remains to mourn his death.

THE FINE ARTS.

The picture of "Paul Preaching at Athens," by Mr. Daniel R. Knight, which was exhibited about a year ago in the rooms of the Artists' Fund Society, attracted much favorable comment at the time; and it was accepted as a highly creditable evidence of the ability of Philadelphia art to hold its own against the rivalry of other cities.

RELIGIOUS NOTICES.

SUNDAY SCHOOL INSTITUTE.—THE PENNSYLVANIA SABBATH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION, in connection with the BETHANY MISSION, TWENTY-NINTH and THIRTIETH STREETS, invite to their meetings on the 20th inst., at 8 o'clock, the members of the most popular Sunday School men in the country.

ORDINATION SERVICE AND FAREWELL MISSIONARY MEETING.

MR. EDWARD P. CAFFE (who departs next Wednesday for China as a Missionary of the Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church), will be ordained by the Central Presbytery of Philadelphia, in the CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, EIGHTH and CHESTNUT STREETS, on Monday Evening, April 19, at 7 o'clock.

REV. JOHN T. GRACEY WILL LECTURE.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

CITY TREASURER, JOSEPH N. PEISZOL, Subject to Democratic Rules. 4 171f

HALL GERMAN SCHOOL, No. 928 RACE STREET, TUESDAY EVENING, April 20, 7 o'clock; at Mrs. Hamilton's, No. 134 Chestnut Street. 4 172f

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE BINGHAM MINING AND LUMBERING COMPANY will be held at their Office, northeast corner of FOURTH and WALNUT, on TUESDAY, May 4, at 12 o'clock, to elect Board of Directors for the ensuing year, and for other purposes.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT

the Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the SOUTHERN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY will be held at No. 3003 MARKET Street, WEST PHILADELPHIA, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of April next, at 10 o'clock A. M.

MEEKS' FIRST READING, NEXT TUESDAY EVENING, Hall German School, No. 928 RACE Street. 4 173f

I. O. O. F.—MEDAL.—I. O. O. F.—The Commemorative Medal (TWO INCHES in diameter) authorized by the Joint Committee of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, I. O. O. F., is now ready for delivery, and can be had on application to M. J. SHELL, Secretary of the Committee, No. 49 South THIRD Street, to whom all orders from agents must be addressed.

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At present are exposed in the show window, on Chestnut Street, the original paintings and chromos of LAKE LUZERNE, by Triebel. Copies of this and all other Chromos always for sale. By special arrangement we now make a notable reduction in the prices of PRANG'S CHROMOS, as follows: Group of Chickens or Quails, each... \$3.75 Six American Landscapes, each... 1.15 Autumn, Regius Creek... 1.15 The Poultry Yard... 3.75 Correggio's Magdalen... 3.75 The Kid's Playground... 4.50 A Friend in Need... 4.50 Easter Morning... 3.75 Whittier's "Barefoot Boy"... 3.75 Bierstadt's "California Sunset"... 7.50 Horses in a Storm... 1.50 The Two Friends... 1.50 The Unconscious Sleeper... 4.50 Republic of Lincoln... 9.00 Crown of New England... 11.25 And all others at the same rates. Full lists and prices of Prang's "JOURNAL OF POPULAR ART" on application. 4 18 122p

CLOTHING.

The Aurora Borealis of Thursday Night.

There has been considerable speculation among scientific men as to the cause of the extraordinary illumination of the skies on Thursday night. We are happy to give the most recent and reliable theory. It is well known that these Northern Lights are reflections of something or other exceedingly brilliant and beautiful. But what could be so beautiful, and so to cause such magnificent reflective displays? The theory which we feel bold to announce is that the wonderful appearance was caused by reflections from the marvellous lot of gorgeously tinted Spring Goods in ROCKHILL & WILSON'S store. Departing from the old fogy idea that every man ought to dress in black, and make himself look as much as possible like dark midnight, this long-established and enterprising firm have made provision for each citizen to attire himself with all the splendor of an Aurora Borealis. Examination of this unsurpassed Spring Stock of clothes and materials ready to be made into clothes, and investigation into the wondrously low prices, will well repay our citizens. Go, then, to the

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FOR MISSES AND CHILDREN.

M. SHOEMAKER & CO., No. 1024 CHESTNUT Street, will open the CLOTHING, and also PARIS MILLINERY for Misses and Children, on TUESDAY, April 20, 1869. 4 17 2f

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